

Kentucky Historical Society collections span Kentucky, Southern and American history. KHS fellows have completed projects on such diverse topics as these:

Frontier and early national Kentucky

- Native Americans
- Land distribution and law
- European migration patterns
- Transatlantic intellectual history
- Social and intellectual history of religion
- Early U.S. politics

Antebellum Kentucky

- Development of the thoroughbred and bourbon industries
- Growth of river-borne commerce
- Social and cultural lives of enslaved and free African American Kentuckians
- Gender and violence
- Public schools and literacy
- Establishment of colleges
- Professionalization of medicine
- Political culture and politicians

Civil War, Reconstruction, and reunion

- Environmental history of warfare
- Women, children, and other noncombatants in the war's path
- Prisoners of war
- Battlefield tactics and commanders
- Death and dying
- Medicine and wartime trauma
- Emancipation and the struggle for African American civil rights
- Political and racial violence during Reconstruction
- Growth of regionalism and sectional sentiment
- Civil War memorialization

Twentieth Century

- Representations of Kentucky in music and literature
- Political scandals
- Women and the New Deal
- African American neighborhoods and churches
- Civil rights and education
- The War on Poverty
- The Equal Rights Amendment debate
- Business and culture of funerals and cemeteries

- Coal industry
- Labor organization
- Immigration and out-migration
- Public health
- Mental health policy

Wendell Berry Collection

- Literature and poetry
- Foodways
- Changes in American agriculture
- Environmental activism
- Modern American thought